IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1019

BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

1   AN ACT
2 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; AMENDING SECTION 67-4703, IDAHO
3   CODE, TO REMOVE CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF
4   THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

6   SECTION 1. That Section 67-4703, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
7 amended to read as follows:

8   67-4703. POWERS AND DUTIES. The department of commerce shall have the
9 power and it shall be its duty to engage in advertising the state of Idaho,
10 its resources, both developed and undeveloped, its tourist resources and
11 attractions, its agricultural, mining, lumbering and manufacturing re-
12 sources, its health conditions and advantages, its scenic beauty and its
13 other attractions and advantages; and in general either directly, indi-
14 rectly or by contract do anything and take any action which will promote
15 and advertise the resources and products of the state of Idaho, develop its
16 resources and industries, promote tourist travel to and within the state of
17 Idaho, and further the welfare and prosperity of its citizens.
18   The department shall also have the following duties when it deals with
19 promoting economic development and tourism within the state:
20   (1) Survey and investigate the social, economic and physical resources
21 of the state, including land, water, minerals, facilities for power, trans-
22 portation, communications, recreation, health, education and other re-
23 sources and facilities; endeavor to aid the legislature and the citizens of
24 the state of Idaho in formulating a program for the development and utiliza-
25 tion of these resources and facilities, and for balancing our agricultural,
26 timber and mining economy with industrial capacity. It shall cooperate with
27 local and regional agencies within the state. It shall cooperate with like
28 agencies of other states, with agencies maintained by private persons or
29 corporations, and with agencies established or employed by the United States
30 to promote the development of the country and the welfare of its people.
31   (2) To develop and promote a comprehensive international marketing
32 plan for Idaho's products.
33   (3) To collect and compile reliable data for general dissemination
34 which will tend to the development of the state of Idaho by inducing people
35 and capital to come within our borders.
36   (4) Keep accurate records and preserve all data collected by it, and
37 from time to time prepare and submit to the governor and the legislature,
38 reports, programs, recommendations and plans for the comprehensive, long-
39 range development, conservation and use of all the resources of the state of
40 Idaho. It shall make such special investigations as to resources, facili-
41 ties, and other matters as may be required by the governor or the legisla-
42 ture.

1   (5) Coordinate those activities of local, state, federal and private
2 agencies and departments when they deal with the promotion of Idaho's eco-
3 nomic resources.
4   (6) To require and receive from the various executive departments and
5 public officials of the state of Idaho such information as may be required by
6 the division to enable it to fulfill its functions and carry out the purposes
7 of this act.
8   (7) Administer and perform any other related functions or activities
9 assigned by the governor or the legislature.
10   (8) Enter into interagency agreements with other state agencies in de-
11 veloping economic and community plans and programs.
12   (9) Provide technical assistance to other state agencies upon request.
13   (10) Contract with universities, consultants and other public and pri-
14 vate agencies to develop plans and programs.
15   (11) ~~Serve as a clearinghouse for information, data, and other materi-~~
16 ~~als which may be used in developing Idaho's economy.~~
17   ~~(12)~~ Prepare a comprehensive economic development strategy.
18   ~~(13) Collect and compile reliable economic data for general dissemina-~~
19 ~~tion.~~
20   (14~~2~~) Petition for and receive moneys such as grants or gifts, to be used
21 for state or local planning and economic development activities.